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SUBJECT: SAG TRANSFER OF FOUR F-5B AIRCRAFT AND REQUEST
FOR P AND A DATA

REFS: (A) USMTM 301130Z MAR 76, (B) JIDDA 0659 (DTG
300610Z JAN 76), (C) STATE 45897 (DTG 260344Z FEB 76)

1. REQUEST FOR P AND A DATA IN REF (A) FOR ADDITIONAL
F-5E AIRCRAFT RELATES TO REPORTED SAG PLAN TO TRANSFER
FOUR F-5B AIRCRAFT TO THIRD COUNTRY (PARA 2 OF REFTTEL (B),
MENTION OF SAG F-5 TRANSFER TO YAR MAY PERTAIN).
THIRD PARTY TRANSFERS ARE SENSITIVE ISSUE AT THIS TIME AND
WE DO NOT WANT TO PROCEED FURTHER WITHOUT BENEFIT OF
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COMPLETE INFORMATION. EMBASSY (OR USMTM IF DEEMED

APPROPRIATE BY AMBASSADOR) SHOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSED TRANSFER, INCLUDING SPECIFICS OF INTENDED THIRD PARTY RECIPIENT AND PLANNED TIME OF TRANSFER.

2. IF FOUR F-5B AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED EVENTUALLY (1978) TO YAR, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO APPROVING PURCHASE NOW OF REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT; TRANSFER WILL BE SUBJECT TO SUCH LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS (REFTEL (C)) AS MAY BE IN EFFECT AT TIME OF TRANSFER. WE BELIEVE IT SAFE TO ASSUME THAT SAUDI MODA IS BY NOW FULLY AWARE OF CURRENT REQUIREMENTS, GIVEN OUR RECENT AND REPEATED CONTACTS ON THIS SUBJECT SUBSEQUENT TO TRANSFER OF 105MM HOWITZERS TO YAR LAST FALL. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, HOWEVER, FOR EMBASSY AND USMTM TO REMIND SAG OFFICIALS OF THESE REQUIREMENTS AND NECESSITY FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO TRANSFER AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THIRD PARTY TRANSFER PROVISIONS OF LAW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE CONGRESS.

3. ANY REQUEST FROM SAG TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL F-5F AIRCRAFT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT WITH INFO TO DOD AND ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY COMMENT/RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS CHANNEL APPLIES TO ALL REQUESTS FROM SAG TO PURCHASE MAJOR END ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. IN THAT PROVISION OF P AND A DATA IMPLIES WILLINGNESS TO SELL, REQUESTS FOR SUCH DATA FOR MAJOR OR SENSITIVE ITEMS SHOULD ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO DEPT WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTED REMIND USMTM OF NEED COORDINATE MESSAGES RELATING TO TRANSFERS AND P AND A DATA WITH EMBASSY BEFORE TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON.

4. DOD WILL OBTAIN P AND A DATA FOR F-5F AIRCRAFT SO AS TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO REQUEST IN A TIMELY MANNER, IF REQUIRED. DATA WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE PROVIDED TO SAG UNTIL QUESTION OF TRANSFERS IS CLARIFIED. KISSINGER

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